## Flight 93 National Memorial Press Release

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## Public Encouraged to Attend Flight 93 Workshop and Make Their Voices Heard

**Somerset, PA** – The National Park Service invites all neighbors, community members, interested individuals and organizations to a public meeting and workshop on the draft General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS) for the Flight 93 National Memorial on Thursday evening, July 20, 2006, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, at the Shanksville-Stonycreek High School "Cafetorium," in Shanksville, PA.

"The General Management Plan will guide the management, operations and development of the National Memorial over the next 15 to 20 years," said Superintendent Joanne Hanley. "It is in actuality a contract between the National Park Service and the American people on how their national memorial will be preserved and managed into the future. The environmental impact statement analyzes the impacts of the proposed plan on the community and the environment."

The draft GMP/EIS is currently on public review for a 60-day period, ending August 14, 2006. The National Park Service is gathering your comments, concerns, questions and thoughts on the plan before it is finalized. Different stations will be set up throughout the high school "Cafetorium" where you may learn about the many aspects of the GMP and the memorial project. Comments will be received in a variety of ways, including on comment forms and flip charts. There will also be a place where pre-prepared written comments may be dropped off. There will be a station with a video tape as well, where each interested person will be allotted three minutes to talk or read their comments.

Superintendent Hanley indicated that "All comments will be considered and addressed in the final plan and environmental impact statement, and will be included in the Flight 93 Memorial archives. We really want the public to have their voices heard."